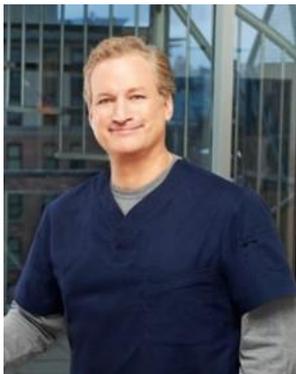


**Dr. David Hepburn, Victoria BC based MD,**  
Award-winning Columnist, Media Presenter  
Speaking to the CIU on **MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

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For the past year and a half, **David Hepburn** has been travelling Canada, educating his fellow family doctors on why and when to prescribe medical marijuana. Speaking at conferences, sometimes sponsored by the commercial growers licensed by Health Canada, Dr. Hepburn runs through the history of cannabis prohibition and the research that has been done on the plant. He says he is trying to change the minds of a medical establishment loath to endorse a drug that has vast amounts of anecdotal evidence, but scant clinical trials, to support its use. He said cannabis can be a suitable medicine for patients suffering migraines, nerve-related pain, neurodegenerative conditions, such as MS, and symptoms such as insomnia or anxiety. He describes his efforts to change how many Canadian doctors – gatekeepers for the federal medical marijuana system – view the drug.



Medical marijuana can be an effective medication when it is properly prescribed. That's the message a B.C. doctor will give his fellow physicians on a cross-country speaking tour.

Dr. David Hepburn, a general practitioner based in Victoria, BC, wants to change the stigma around prescribing medical marijuana. He has been giving similar talks to a varied audience of general practitioners and specialists, hoping to inform and encourage physicians who may have reservations around prescribing medicinal cannabis.

Dr. Hepburn says marijuana can be used to treat neurodegenerative diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder, and symptoms such as anxiety and insomnia.

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